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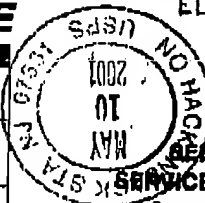
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4. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 1 [to Claim 3] wherein each antibody fragment is a monovalent Fab fragment optionally containing one or more additional amino acids attached to the C-terminus of the CH1 domain.
6. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] comprising one antigen-binding antibody fragment covalently linked to an albumin molecule or a fragment thereof.
10. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 8 [or Claim 9] wherein the bridging molecule is from around 10A to around 20A in length.
12. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] covalently linked to one or more effector or reporter groups.
13. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a hybrid protein according to Claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims] together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.